

REMARKS

Examiner Patterson called the Applicant's Attorney on June 28, 2003 and requested a clarification to the After Final Response filed on July 9, 2003. The Applicant hereby submits a supplemental response to the After Final Response for clarification purposes. No new matter is added.

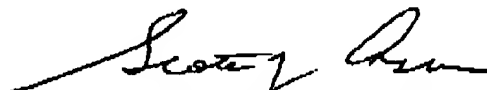
Please replace the fourth (4th) paragraph on page 16 of the Response with the following:

-- Therefore, Porchia does not control the oxygen and carbon dioxide concentration inside the bag and they also do not register the microperforations in a well-defined area on the bag as in the present invention. Taken alone or in combination with Kocher, these references do not disclose, suggest or otherwise provide a motivation to practice the claims of the present invention. Claim 1 has been amended to clarify the distinctions of the present invention. --

Applicant believes the above amendments and remarks to be fully responsive to the Office Action, thereby placing this application in condition for allowance. No new matter is added. Applicant requests speedy reconsideration, and further requests that Examiner contact its attorney by telephone, facsimile, or email for quickest resolution, if there are any remaining issues.

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